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SUBJECT: VOA COVERAGE OF ZHIVKOV ASSURANCES TO BUTZ  
RE DIVIDED FAMILIES

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1. DEPARTMENT AND VOA AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME TO BROADCAST TO BULGARIA THE TEXT OF THE TOASTS EXCHANGED AT SECRETARY BUTZ' FAREWELL LUNCHEON. WE BELIEVE THAT PUBLICIZING THESE AND/OR ZHIVKOV'S ASSURANCES NOW COULD RESULT IN "TICKET WINDOW" SLAMMING SHUT. VOA TAKES THE POSITION, HOWEVER, THAT IF UPI USES THIS INFO, IT WILL WISH TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION.

2. VOA HAS USED OTHER MATERIAL RESULTING FROM BUTZ' VISIT. FOR EXAMPLE, IT BROADCAST ON APRIL 27 AND ON BOTH BREAKFAST SHOWS ON APRIL 28, BRIEF STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
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KRUSTEV TO VOA CORRESPONDENT FREUND EXPRESSING HIS SATIS-

FACTION WITH RESULTS OF VISIT; TWO CORRESPONDENT'S REPORTS FROM FREUND AND A 4-1/2 MINUTE WASHINGTON PREPARED WRAP-UP ON APRIL 28 BASED ON OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE. ON APRIL 29 AND 30 VOA PLANS TO USE A SEVEN-MINUTE FREUND INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY BUTZ DISCUSSING HIS VISITS AND PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH EASTERN EUROPE. VISIT WILL AGAIN

BE COVERED IN WEEKEND WRAP-UP FEATURE ON MAY 2.

3. KRUSTEV IN HIS COMMENT STATED THAT IT WAS A "WELL UTILIZED" VISIT, THEY HAD AGREED THAT WORKING GROUPS FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL COMPLETE A DOCUMENT REFLECTING THE DIRECTIONS OF FUTURE COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL SEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION. KRUSTEV WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED BY THE PRESENCE OF SECRETARY BUTZ IN BULGARIA.

4. IN FREUND INTERVIEW, SECRETARY BUTZ RESPONDED TO QUESTION REGARDING THE EFFECT OF REFUSAL OF THE 1974 TRADE ACT TERMS BY BULGARIA AND OTHER EE COUNTRIES ON BILATERAL TRADE BY STATING THAT U.S. WAS ATTEMPTING TO REVISE THE LEGISLATION BUT THAT HE WAS "SATISFIED THAT BULGARIA WAS MAKING "SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT" TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF THE DIVIDED FAMILIES SITUATION. SISCO

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